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Thinking of You

Dear Friends and Colleagues, although everything is closed down for the moment, we wanted you to know that we are always thinking of you. We hope you are keeping well and safe and finding it possible to get shopping and other essentials. If anyone needs help, or just a chat, please let the Secretary know and we will get in touch with you. Meanwhile, some things have been happening!!

Trimelage Zoom Meeting, Saturday 9 May

We have been keeping in touch with our colleagues in Gien and Niebüll. So, on Saturday 9 May (Europe Day) we ventured forth into our first ever “Zoom” meeting, with five colleagues from Niebüll, four from Gien and seven from Malmesbury. We talked for just over an hour, and while we all learned some lessons about the technology, and how to improve tri-lingual meetings, it went well. We were able to share news, check that everyone was surviving, and even do some business. And here is a picture, just to prove it. Can you spot the villains??



Twinning in Music

One project taken forward which was reported at the Zoom meeting has been a collaboration between John Fairhurst in Malmesbury, Annie Mas in Gien, and Torsten Hannapel in Niebüll, to produce a musical broadcast comprised of four songs or pieces of music each from France, Germany and Britain. This will be broadcast by Malmesbury Community Radio on flyingmonkcommunityprojects.weebly.com. If you wish to listen it will be first broadcast this week. The Community Radio broadcasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, usually 7 -10 pm, with things repeated the following afternoon.

Malmesbury Abbey On-Line Service

The Zoom meeting also heard from Helen Venn about the Malmesbury Abbey on-line service to be broadcast on Sunday 10 May, in commemoration of the ending of World War 2 in Europe. The service has incorporated a contribution from the Twinning Association, plus prayers and dedications from Pastor Christian Winter in Niebüll, and Alain and Sylvie Blanchard from Gien. This was a wonderful idea from the Abbey. You can see the video-recording at [malmesburyabbey.com/page id=144](http://malmesburyabbey.com/page%20id=144). With great thanks to Helen and Dick Venn, Richard Searle-Barnes, and everyone at the Abbey.

Dates for Next Year

The Zoom meeting also confirmed that we will roll forward the visits we could not make this year into 2021, including the celebration of our Cultural Festival. The visit dates for next year were confirmed as:

Gien to Visit Niebüll: Thursday 13 May to Monday 17 May

Malmesbury to Gien: **Thursday 24 June to Tuesday 29 June**

Niebüll to Malmesbury: **Thursday 23 September to Tuesday 28 September**

Please make a note of these for your diary.

Google Drive Photo Album

Lastly, the three towns agreed to share photographs of our towns during Spring 2020, at the time of Coronavirus, when we could not actually visit. Holger Heinke in Niebüll has set up a Google Drive at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1r0Me3E4JNchmf5mldQLruYm1OLjRLBTD?usp=sharing>. We can all post pictures on this, and maybe in due course develop a photo-album for exhibition in all three towns. Ricahrd-Searle Barnes has produced a Powerpoint of wonderful pictures, circulated along with this Newsletter. And we have other great pictures as well. If you have any pictures you would like to include, please send them to the Secrtetary as above.

Best wishes to you all. Please do keep in touch. ***T'Committee.***